

New Haven Board of Commissioners
March 19, 2015

(See attached list of those present.)

Mayor Rogers called the meeting to order and the pledge to the flag was recited.

Mayor Rogers invited **Phil Johnson** to speak. Johnson said that he was planning a New Haven Appreciation Day at the New Haven Ball Park on May 30 starting at 6:00 PM. Local talent will be featured. No fees will be charged for entry, but donations will be accepted. Johnson said that no concessions would be available unless the Enhancement Team wanted to open the concession stand. Nicole said she would check with her enhancement members to see if they would be available to work the concession stand. Mayor Rogers thanked Johnson and commended him for organizing this event.

Jan Johnston, Executive Director, of the Joint City County Planning Commission of Nelson County, addressed the Commission concerning Zoning Regulations Amendments relating to Fence Height Revision (5 feet to 7 feet) and Accessibility Improvement Exceptions (relating to handicap ramps). Later in the meeting the First Reading of the Ordinance Amending Zoning Regulations will be held. Jan also serves as Flood Plain Coordinator for Nelson County and New Haven. She introduced Tom Roby, Supervisory Hydrologist with United States Geological Survey. Roby gave a short presentation concerning gauging flood waters on the Rolling Fork River here in New Haven. Having a gauge for flood waters is a safety issue and would allow residents and businesses the time needed to evacuate if necessary in the event of flooding. While the cost is prohibitive, \$26,000 for the gauge, and \$14,000 annually for operation and maintenance, Commission felt the project merited obtaining information on possible assistance in funding. Jan Johnston said she would pursue avenues of funding as well.

Official Ruling on Billy Holbert Case—Complaints were brought against Mr. Holbert concerning his work on Amerigas trucks. Please see the attached letter from Michael Coen, Planning Commission Attorney, outlining the outcome of this case.

Brian Hurst with the South Nelson Football Association addressed the Commission per Chris's request. He explained that seventy to ninety young people participated in this program that was open to all area youths including Larue County. Hurst thanked the City and the staff for their continuous support of this worthy program.

The Minutes February 19, 2015 and Minutes of Special Meeting held on March 12, 2015 were approved on motion of Chris and second of Jane. All voted in favor.

School—Speed Bumps and Light—Jeff said he had not contacted Anthony Orr concerning these issues and said he would have information for the next meeting.

Repeater Tower—Chris said since the Commission has rushed with the decision last month concerning granting a 40 year lease to Nelson County Dispatch allowing a 160’ radio tower on City property, he wanted to know who would pay the liability insurance on this tower. Chris said he talked with Freddy DeWitt who indicated the Nelson County Dispatch would be responsible for insurance.

Fire Department Report—Freddy DeWitt did not attend the meeting.

General Administration

February Financials and March Bills—Chris questioned a line item in the General Fund budget comparison. Linda stated that the Commissioners’ packets are ready for pick up six days before meeting time and if the Commissioners would email their concerns and/or questions, then those issues could be addressed during the meeting. Chris said he had not had time to email. Linda said she would investigate the question and email the Commission. The Financials and Bills were approved on motion of Chris and second of Mike. All voted in favor.

Farmers Market—The Commission had received information concerning Bloomfield’s Farmers’ Market Rules and Regulations. This matter was tabled until next month.

Division of Surplus Property—Jeff reported that an updated list of authorized representatives was needed. Chris made a motion authorizing Joanie, Tim and Mayor Rogers as authorized users of this program for the City of New Haven. Jane seconded. All voted in favor.

Ordinance No. 449 Series 2015 (see attached) was read by Mayor Rogers. Second reading will be held April 16, 2015.

Employee Pay—Chris questioned why employees who were sent home by the Mayor were paid during the recent snow storm. He said they should have been required to take vacation time. Jeff said he used guidelines from Kentucky League of Cities concerning this issue. Chris suggested that these guidelines be reviewed during the next meeting. Jeff suggested reviewing/updating these guidelines during the May meeting.

Water and Sewer Department

Surplus Property—Sale of Truck—The following bids were received:

Jamie Mattingly	\$1,000
Charles Boone	\$1,800
Don Cecil	\$1,805
K & K Auto	\$2,252.51
Tucker Masterson	\$2,620
KDC Auto Sales	\$3,236

Chris made a motion to sell the truck to KDC Auto Sales for \$3,236. Mike seconded. All voted in favor.

Bad Debt Write-Off—Jane made a motion allowing the write off of bad debts in the Water and Sewer Department in the amount of \$840.76. Mike seconded. All voted in favor.

Sidewalk Repair (Grinding Edges)—Tim said he had not received a quote. He suggested just replacing sidewalks. Linda reminded Chris and Tim we would not be able to replace any sidewalks until the new fiscal year.

Town and Country Bank Sidewalk—Chris reported that the bank while making repairs had to take up some of the sidewalk there but it has been replaced.

Recreation

Lifeguard Hiring Committee—Chris made a motion to appoint Mike, Nicole and Joanie to the committee. Jane seconded. All voted in favor.

League Operation—Forms will be sent out immediately to advertise for participants for T-Ball, Coach Pitch and Pitching Machine.

Rename City Park—Tim Bartley informed the Commission that he had formed a committee consisting of himself, Wayne Cundiff, David Nalley, Michael Brady to study how best to memorialize former Mayor Johnson. He said the committee would bring recommendations to the Commission. Jane said she had talked with many people who have great respect for Mayor Johnson and it has been suggested that some type of memorial be put in place for him, be it renaming part of the park, park benches, trees, etc. Tim told Jane that she could be on the committee if she had time.

Pool Signage—Nicole said that the signage relating to rules and operating hours needed to be updated.

Mike wanted to know if trash cans were available around the basketball courts at the park.

Police Department

Committee for Code of Conduct—Chris wanted a committee appointed to compose a Code of Conduct for the Police Department relating to the January incident at Dr. Oxnard's medical office. The Mayor pointed out that the Code of Ethics includes conduct for City employees. Chris said that the Ethics Ordinance needed to be updated. This will be investigated further during the May meeting.

Surveillance Camera—Nicole said that during the recent discussion of a full-time or part-time position for Utility Clerk, the issue of safety arose. She felt that a camera was needed to make the office safer. Nicole had talked with someone who felt cameras could be installed for \$3,000. This will be investigated further. This is an item for the next Fiscal Year Budget.

Jane Masse said clarification was needed concerning which high school would possibly be using the city park next year for practice. It was incorrectly stated that Nelson County High School would use the park, when in fact it would be Thomas Nelson High School. The Mayor said he had mis-spoke. He also said he had met with someone a couple of days ago who would help with hauling dirt to the park at a significant savings to the City.

Mike Morris stated that he had phone calls from area residents saying "Please don't take our Channel 4 away".

Jane moved for adjournment and Mike seconded. All voted in favor.

Mayor

Clerk